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Education Then and Now

The Evolution of Schooling was an interesting topic. It discussed how schools dated back to 2000BCE. In Sparta, Greece they had educational goals (which is something like a mission statement) to develop ideas such as courage, patriotism, obedience, cunning, and physical strength. In Athens another Greek city state they strongly emphasized intellectual and aesthetic objectives. Most boys ages 8-16 attended a series of public schools where they learn how to write, read, count, sports etc. While the girls were homeschooled about culture and aesthetics. The Greek philosophers thought that woman and slaves should not be educated because they did not have the intelligence.

My thoughts on the Evolution of schooling was that in Sparta their schools seemed to be field training for battle rather than a school that teaches reading, writing, and arithmetic. Athens is the most similar to today’s school system because they teach a good variety of subjects such as the ones we take we take in this day and age. Athens raised only the men to be well educated which isn’t right because the women should be educated. It all goes back to these times where women were being dehumanized.

Being a teacher is a job that comes with a lot of responsibility. As a teacher it is your responsibility to instill information in your students that they will hopefully carry with them forever. In Colonial America the teachers ranged from very poorly prepared to no special training at all. At most the only qualification you need as a teacher is that you have to be a teacher yourself. I don’t think it’s safe to let these unqualified students teach other students. As time went on people started getting an education.